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SUBJECT: UJNR - MARINE RESOURCES AND ENGINEERING
COORDINATION COMMITTEE - FUTURE MEETINGS

1. AT THE SIXTH JOINT MEETING OF THE US/JAPAN MARINE
RESOURCES ENGINEERING COORDINATION COMMITTEE (MRECC)
IN LOS ANGELES LAST OCTOBER, ONE SUBJECT DISCUSSED
WAS THE DATE AND LOCATION OF THE SEVENTH JOINT MEETING.
ALTHOUGH THE MRECC HAS BEEN MEETING DURING ALTERNATE
YEARS, ALTERNATELY IN THE UNITED STATES AND JAPAN,
JAPANESE CHAIRMAN SHIMADA SUGGESTED TIMING THE SEVENTH
MEETING IN JAPAN FOR OCTOBER 1978 IN ORDER TO
COINCIDE WITH A MAJOR JAPANESE OCEAN CONFERENCE AND
EXPOSITION BEING HELD THERE AT THE SAME TIME.
SUBSEQUENTLY, WITH SIMILAR JAPAN OCEAN EXPOS PLANNED
BIENNIALLY, FUTURE JAPAN-HOSTED, MRECC MEETINGS, AT
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FOUR-YEAR INTERVALS, COULD BE COINCIDED WITH THE
EXPOSITIONS. THE U.S. CONCURRED WITH THE DESIRABILITY
OF COINCIDING THE SEVENTH AND FUTURE MRECC'S AND SOME
OF THE PANEL MEETINGS WITH THE JAPAN OCEAN
EXPOSITIONS BUT ALSO FELT THAT ANOTHER MRECC MEETING
IN ONE YEAR MIGHT BE TOO SOON. THE MATTER WAS LEFT
WITH THE U.S. CHAIRMAN EXPRESSING WILLINGNESS TO ENTERTAIN

A FORMAL PROPOSAL FROM JAPAN SOMETIME IN EARLY 1978 AS TO THE ACTUAL DATES OF THE SEVENTH MEETING.

2. THE U.S. WOULD LIKELY BE FAVORABLY DISPOSED TOWARD A MRECC MEETING THIS FALL PROVIDED THAT A FIRM SCHEDULE OF MRECC MEETINGS AT TWO YEAR INTERVALS WERE TO FOLLOW THEREAFTER.

3. THE AQUACULTURE, MARINE MINING, MARINE ELECTRONICS AND COMMUNICATIONS, AND THE MARINE GEOLOGY PANELS HAVE GONE AHEAD WITH PLANS FOR THEIR JOINT MEETINGS TO ALSO COINCIDE WITH THE JAPAN OCEAN EXPOSITION IN OCTOBER. THE MARINE GEOLOGY PANEL WILL MEET IN OKINAWA AROUND MID-OCTOBER PENDING CONFIRMATION FROM JAPANESE PANEL CHAIRMAN OHMACHI. CONFIRMATION IS ALSO BEING AWAITED FROM MR. TOSHIHKO HIROTA, CHAIRMAN, JAPANESE MARINE MINING PANEL, WHO RETURNS FROM A CRUISE AT THE END OF THE MONTH. THE U.S. MARINE ELECTRONICS AND COMMUNICATIONS PANEL IS AT PRESENT CANVASSING ITS MEMBERS TO SEE IF THEY WOULD BE ABLE TO ATTEND A JOINT MEETING IN JAPAN COINCIDENT WITH THE OCTOBER OCEAN EXPOSITION. PLANS FOR THE OCTOBER JOINT MEETING OF THE AQUACULTURE PANEL ARE RELATIVELY FIRM.

4. MEANWHILE THE SEABOTTOMS PANEL PLANS TO MEET IN HONOLULU IN AUGUST 1978 IN CONJUNCTION WITH OTHER UNCLASSIFIED

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MEETINGS TAKING PLACE THERE, THE MARINE FACILITIES PANEL IN WASHINGTON, D.C., IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE SEPTEMBER 1978 MARINE TECHNOLOGY SOCIETY MEETING, PENDING ACCEPTANCE FROM JAPANESE CHAIRMAN ANDO, AND THE DIVING PHYSIOLOGY PANEL NOT UNTIL 1979.

5. ACTION REQUESTED.

(A) SINCE INFORMATION REGARDING THE SEVENTH MRECC MEETING HAS NOT AS YET BEEN FORTHCOMING, PLEASE CONTACT MR. JIN SHIMADA, CHAIRMAN JAPAN MRECC AND ASCERTAIN STATUS OF JAPANESE INVITATION AS DISCUSSED AT SIXTH MRECC. INDICATE THAT U.S. COUNTERPARTS REQUIRE FIRM DATE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IN ORDER TO COMMIT NECESSARY TRAVEL FUNDS AND SET PERSONAL PLANS.

(B) CONTACT MR. TOSHIHITO HIROTA, CHAIRMAN JAPAN MARINE MINING PANEL AND DR. HOKUICHIRO OHMACHI (REPLACED HIROSHI ISOMI), CHAIRMAN JAPAN MARINE GEOLOGY PANEL, AND REQUEST CONFIRMATION OF DATES, PREVIOUSLY PROPOSED, FOR NEXT JOINT MEETINGS OF THESE PANELS. INASMUCH AS U.S. HAS CANCELLED OUT ON LAST

TWO SCHEDULED MEETINGS OF MARINE MINING PANEL, IT

WOULD BE WELL TO EXPRESS CONTINUED STRONG INTEREST IN
HOLDING SEVENTH MEETING AND U.S. DETERMINATION TO
ATTEND THIS TIME.

(C) REQUEST CONFIRMATION FROM NORITAKA ANDO,
CHAIRMAN JAPAN MARINE FACILITIES PANEL, AS TO JAPANESE
ACCEPTANCE OF SEPTEMBER 1978 DATES IN WASHINGTON, D.C.,
FOR EIGHTH JOINT MEETING OF MARINE FACILITIES PANEL.

(D) CHECK WITH DR. KENJIRO SAKURI, CHAIRMAN JAPAN
MARINE ELECTRONICS AND COMMUNICATIONS PANEL TO SEE IF
HE WOULD BE IN FAVOR OF A JOINT PANEL MEETING IN
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OCTOBER PENDING U.S. PANEL MEMBERS AVAILABILITY TO
ATTEND.

6. TITLES AND POSITIONS OF JAPANESE OFFICIALS ARE
AVAILABLE IN REPORT OF SIXTH MRECC PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED.

7. FOR YOUR INFORMATION, UJNR CONFERENCE 1978 DATES
ALSO REMAIN INDEFINITE. IF JAPANESE PREPARED FOR
CONFERENCE IN FALL, WOULD APPRECIATE SCHEDULING IN
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